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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The India-Pakistan Situation  
(Report #40 - As of 6:00 A.M. EDT)

1. Unconfirmed claims and counterclaims continue to fly from India and Pakistan. Indian troops do not yet appear to have succeeded in capturing Sialkot despite claims from New Delhi that the army has achieved its objectives in the area. According to a Pakistani spokesman the Indians made no effort to advance in the Sialkot sector yesterday. The Indians also claim to have broken up a large scale Pakistani armored push near Lahore while the Paks say an Indian attack there was repulsed by stiff resistance.

2. AFP, the French news service, says that in response to proposals by U Thant, India has agreed to halt the fighting at the positions now held. There is no official word from New Delhi although the Indians have expressed some interest in a ceasefire.

3. Some 600 US dependents in Lahore were successfully airlifted to Tehran last night.

4. Bombing raids mounted from East Pakistan and intermittent firing along the eastern border have prompted Embassy New Delhi to recommend that Embassy Karachi try again to obtain an agreement from the Pakistanis not to carry the fighting into East Pakistan. Ambassador Bowles reports that the Indian Air Force is itching to retaliate for the bomb raids--the latest, on 14 September against an air base just north of Calcutta--by Pakistan Air Force planes.

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5. In a long cable from Karachi the Ambassador writes of his concern over the American image there and feels that the US would be the victim of unfortunate contingencies if it continues to align itself with the UN resolution of 6 September calling for a ceasefire. Ambassador McConaughy recommends some kind of behind-the-scene action by the US that would modify the UN position and place US interests in a more realistic position. The Embassy fears that Pakistani rejection of the 6 September Security Council resolution would result in a distortion of facts and would not be in the best US interests.

6. The New China News Agency has lumped the US and the USSR together and accused them of supporting Indian aggression against Pakistan. The editorial did not however indicate whether China would intervene in behalf of Pakistan. According to the report--  
[redacted] "not only US imperialism is supporting India's aggression, but also some people who call themselves Marxist-Leninists."

7. U Thant is leaving New Delhi today and will return to New York via London. A rumored stop over in Moscow has apparently been scrubbed.

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